

Proposals Reviv'd, of Establishing, and Supporting a Public Schole, design'd, amongst other Improvements, for the Sea-Service of the Nation, without any Public Charge, or Præjudice whatsoever.

Which, upon the Humble Petition of Lewis Maidwell, the last Session, were referr'd by the Honorable House of Commons to a Committee, and approv'd of by the Honorable Committee, as serviceable to the Nation: also order'd, with the method of its Support, to be reported as such, and that leave should be desir'd, to bring in a Bil for the same. But the Session being far spent, its Progress was deserr'd to a more convenient opportunity: wherefore those Proposals are now more fully explain'd, and humbly submitted to the Great Wisdom of the Parliament.

That Lewis Maidwell, of the Parish of St James Westminster, at his own proper Costs, in the Parish aforesaid, hath erected a larg Houle and other Buildings, fit to be a public Schole, and is willing to give the same, which cost him above 2000 l. building, for the dwelling of a Master, Ushers, Servants and Forty Scholars, which Scholars are to be instructed in the Latin, Græc and French Tongues, in Arithmetic, and the use of the Globes, so as to be wel qualified to be admitted into one of the Universities of this Realm. And he has found out and propos'd an easy and useful method to support the said Public Schole, whereby always Forty Scholars are to have their Dyet, Washing, Lodging and Learning Gratis for Four Years, from Thirteen to Seventeen Years of Age; and also the yearly Exhibitions hereafter mentioned, after they shal be elected, and sent to one of the said Universities, or on board one of his Majesties Ships of War. And wil moreover settle an Estate of about 300 l. per ann. after his Death, for the foundation of four Fellowships, in one or both of the said Universities, or otherwise dispose it, according to the Pleasure of Parliament, for the Advantage of the said Schole.

And the said Lewis Maidwell does humbly beseech That the Most Reverend Fathers in God the Arch-Bishops of Canterbury and York, The Right Honorable the Lord Chancellor or Keeper, Lord President, Lord Treasurer, or First Commissioner, Lord Admiral, or First Commissioner, the Chancellors of both Universities, the Honorable Mr Speaker of the House of Commons, with
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the Master of the said Schole, and their Successors, may be Governors of the said Schole; And that *Lewis Maidwell* be and continue Master of the said Schole during his Life.

And the said Governors and their Successors have full Authority under their Common Seal, to ordain Rules and Statutes for the Government and Improvement of the said Schole, The same not being repugnant to his Majesties Prerogative Royal, nor to the Laws nor Statutes of this Realm, nor to any Ecclesiastical Canon or Constitution of the Church of *England*, nor to any Custom or Statute of either of the Universities of this Realm then in force and use.

And it hath been proposed, and is intended by the said *Lewis Maidwell*, at the Expiration of four years, after the end of this present Session of Parliament, and so yearly for ever hereafter, that Ten Scholars, being of the Foundation of the said Schole, shall be elected by the said Governors, for one or both the Universities of this Realm, there to abide, and be instructed: Yet nevertheless, Some of the Ten Scholars, in case they shall be so inclined, and desire the same, may be sent and plac'd with the Favour of his Majesties Letter, on board some of his Majesties Ships of War, to continue and be instructed in Navigation, for the Honor and Service of the Nation; and that each of the Ten Scholars, to be elected as aforesaid, shall receive from the said Governors a yearly allowance of 20 *l.* towards their Maintenance and Instruction, for four years, or so long time thereof as they shall continue in the said Universities, or on board any of his Majesties Ships of War.

To the end so good and commendable a Design might be the more effectually supported, and accomplished, It was humbly propos'd to the Honorable Committee, that *Lewis Maidwell* during his life, and after his death the Governors of the said Schole, should by direction and authority of Parliament, erect a Publick Office of Intelligence; have and use the sole power of Printing and Publishing the several Things hereafter mentioned, — Al Advertisements and Notifications of Estates, in Lands, Houses and Offices; or of all Goods and Chattels to be let, bought or sold; and of al Goods or Chattels which may be lost, strayed, stoln, or carried away; and of al Carriers and Coach-Bils, al Bils for Voyages, and al Bils of Auctions, Games, Prizes, Fightings, Plays, Shews, &c. — whatever else this Honorable House shall think fit.

And no other Person whatsoever Print or Publish any of the said Advertisements or Bils under a Penalty of — and each Person for Printing or Publishing any Advertisement pay the sum of —

Except such Person or Persons who shall be authorized to Print or Publish the *London Gazette*; to whom it may be lawful to publish Advertisements, as they have bin usually printed and published in the said Gazette.

Which easy Method of its Support, besides the Innocent Fund of a General Good, was then unanimously receiv'd, thought very advantageous for Trade, and beneficial to the Subject; since such a necessary Paper, fill'd only with Advertisements of al sorts, and methodically digested, being dispers'd by Authority thrice every week in *London*, and the Chief Towns of *England*, would be more and more enquired after; whereas at present Intelligences are of little use, and unregarded, as they are endors'd on the Common News Papers, as the *Flying Post*, *Post Boy*, &c. which are in danger weekly to be suppress'd for false News, or other indiscretions.